

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph on page 17, line 12 with this paragraph:

FIG. 7 is a sectional side view taken along line 6-6 7-7 of FIG. 6;

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 19, line 12 with this paragraph:

The sole structure 14 is shown to include one or more selectively permeable cushioning devices or membranes 28, which are generally disposed in the midsole of the sole structure. By way of example, the membranes 28 of the present invention can be formed into products having various geometries such as the plurality of tubular members which are positioned in a space apart, parallel relationship to each other within the heel region 22 of the midsole 26 as illustrated in FIGS. 1-3. The tubular members are sealed to contain an injected captive gas. The barrier properties of the membrane 28 are preferably provided by a single or multilayer embodiment 30A as shown in FIG. 24 or by the layer 30 as shown in FIGS. 4-5 which is disposed along the inner surface of a thermoplastic outer layer 32. As illustrated in FIGS. 8-18, showing embodiments 28B-28F, the membranes 28 of the present invention, whether monolayer or multi-layer embodiments, can be formed into a variety of products having numerous configurations or shapes. As should be appreciated at this point, membranes 28 which are formed into cushioning devices employed in footwear may either be fully or partially encapsulated within the midsole or outsole of the footwear.